

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and the listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of cutting four edges of a recording medium, comprising:

forming an image on the recording medium,

feeding the recording medium with the image along a feed path having a curved portion disposed at a ~~corner~~ corner inside a device to a first cutting position disposed at the curved portion, and cutting at the curved portion two front side edges of the recording medium in a feed direction of the recording medium while feeding the recording medium,

feeding the recording medium along the curved portion further to the first cutting position and cutting two rear side edges of the recording medium in the feed direction while feeding the recording medium,

feeding the recording medium along a straight portion of the feed path extending from the curved portion to a second cutting position disposed on the straight portion, and cutting one of a leading edge and a trailing edge of the recording medium in the feed direction while the recording medium is stationary, and

feeding the recording medium along the straight portion further to the second cutting position and cutting the other of the leading edge and the trailing edge of the recording medium in the feed direction while the recording medium is stationary, one of the leading edge and the trailing edge being cut between cutting of the front side edges and cutting of the rear side edges, wherein cutting of the leading edge of the recording medium is performed after cutting of the front side edges of the recording medium, and cutting of the trailing edge of the recording medium is performed after cutting of the rear side edges of the recording medium.

2-3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein cutting of the front side edges and cutting of the rear side edges of the recording medium are performed while the recording medium is being transferred in a curved state with an angle of substantially 90 degrees.

5. (previously presented) A cutting method according to claim 1, wherein cutting of one of the leading edge and the trailing edge of the recording medium is performed while the recording medium is stationary in a curved state.

6. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein cuttings of the front side edges, the rear side edges, the leading edge, and the trailing edge of the recording medium are performed after the image is formed on the recording medium.

7. (currently amended) A method of cutting four edges of a recording medium, comprising:

forming an image on the recording medium,

feeding the recording medium with the image thereon to a first cutting position along a feed path having a curved portion disposed at a ~~corner~~ corner inside a device for forming the image, said first cutting position being located at the curved portion, and cutting at the curved portion two front side edges of the recording medium in a feed direction of the recording medium while feeding the recording medium,

stopping the recording medium after cutting the two front side edges, and cutting a leading edge of the recording medium located at a second cutting position in a straight portion of the feed path extending from the curved portion,

feeding again the recording medium along the curved portion at the first cutting position and cutting two rear side edges of the recording medium in the feed direction while feeding the recording medium,

feeding the recording medium further along the straight portion, and

stopping the recording medium where a trailing edge of the recording medium is located at the second cutting position and cutting the trailing edge thereat.

8. (previously presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein said image is formed on a Cycolor medium as the recording medium.